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1. TWO MISSISSIPPE NATIONAL GUARD C-130S ARRIVED AT LA MESA

AIRPORT OUTSIDE SAN PEDRO SULA MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 23. ONE PLANELOAD OF SUPPLIES WILL BE UTILIZED IN SAN PEDRO SULA AREA AND ANOTHER PLANELOAD IN LA CEIBA. THE SUPPLIES WILL BE FERRIED TO LA CEIBA FROM LA MESA BY A HONDURAN AIR FORCE C-47.

2. FOREIGN AIRCRAFT (OTHER THAN U.S.) THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN SAN PEDRO SULA INCLUDE TWO CUBAN, FOUR MEXICAN, TWO COSTA RICAN, ONE COLOMBIAN, ONE VENEZUELAN AND ONE NICARAGUAN. A BRITISH COMMUNICATIONS TEAM FROM BELIZE ARRIVED TO HELP ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION LINKS WHEREVER NEEDED.

3. REPORTED 4,000 REFUGEES IN SAN PEDRO SULA. 37 CONFIRMED AND 24 UNCONFIRMED DEAD AT LA CEIBA. FOOD IS AVAILABLE IN LA CEIBA AND UTILITIES ARE IN OPERATION. STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY HANDLING DISTRIBUTION OF FOODSTUFFS. HONDURAN AUTHORITIES TAKING ACTION TO SEND FOOD TO TRUJILLO TO FEED REFUGEES IN CITY.

4. US SOUTHCOM PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY NOW TOTAL 46, INCLUDING DAST TEAMS, DAST SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND AVIATORS. MAJOR GENERAL SALISBURY, COMMANDER USAFSO PANAMA SCHEDULED ARRIVE LA MESA AT 1300.

5. PEACE CORP HAS CONFIRMATION OF SAFETY OF ALL BUT EIGHT VOLUNTEERS IN DISASTER AREAS. TEN ENGINEERS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH GOH AUTHORITIES IN RESTORING ROADS IN SULA VALLEY. FOUR NURSES WORKING IN CHOLOMA AND AN ADDITIONAL FOUR IN EL PROGRESO, BOTH TOWNS LOCATED IN SULA VALLEY.

6. GOH EMERGENCY COMMITTEE COPEN LATEST ESTIMATE IS 7,000 - 8,000 DEAD, \$125 MILLION PROPERTY DAMAGE, GREAT DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND 50 PERCENT DROP IN NATIONAL PRODUCTION.

7. AMBASSADOR RETURNING TO TEGUCIGALPA FROM NORTH COAST DISASTER AREA IN EARLY AFTERNOON. SUBSEQUENT SITREP AND RECOMMENDATION CABLES WILL BE SENT AT THAT TIME.  
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